



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION SUCCESS BULLETIN ROTARY DISTRICT 5950 2015-2016

District 5950 Rotarians Share Their Gifts with The Rotary Foundation

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Our District is unique in the Rotary world for its approach to fundraising for The Rotary Foundation (TRF). We have long been recognized as one of the most generous districts in the world, regularly ranking in the top 10% for giving to TRF.

Gifts Large and Small

What isn't as well known is *how* we give. District 5950 does not depend on a small group of large donors to achieve its goals. Instead, it uses a systematic approach to involve the largest number of givers possible, with large and small gifts, contributed district-wide.

Extraordinary Progress

In the past four years, total giving to the Annual Fund has risen from \$559,000 in 2011-12 to \$780,000 in 2014-15. Average per capita giving has grown from \$204 in 2011-12 to \$274 in 2014-15.



Paul Harris Society Growth

The District recognizes the importance of cultivating a base of donors willing to make The Rotary Foundation their charity of choice by becoming members of the Paul Harris Society (PHS). The District's PHS membership has increased from 115 donors in 2013-14 to 225 currently.

Million-Dollar Gift

Last year was capped off with an anonymous \$1 million gift to TRF on behalf of our District. This generous donation was used to match the District's Global Grants for water, maternal health, child nutrition and disease prevention projects in Guatemala, Honduras, India, Panama, Bolivia, Jamaica, Congo and the Dominican Republic.

Legacy of Giving

These combined efforts make District 5950 one of the greatest districts in the world in terms of giving to The Rotary Foundation. Under PDG Jim Nelson's leadership as District Fund Development Chair in 2016-17, District 5950 will continue to build its tremendous history of success.



HOW YOUR FOUNDATION DOLLARS GIVE BACK

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN DISTRICT 5950

Your Dollars as a Gift Globally

As of May 2016, the Global Grants Committee had approved nine global grants involving 30 clubs from District 5950. Here are two examples of how your TRF dollars are being invested worldwide:

- Construction of a well water system to provide clean water to three rural communities with 786 residents in the Monte Plata District of the Dominican Republic.
- Installation of 66 toilets and handwashing stations in Bhadrak, India, where none existed.

Thirty clubs contributed \$110,550 toward the nine grant projects. District 5950 **leveraged those donations nine times for total project funding of \$1,003,059**. This included funds from an anonymous donor and collaboration with other districts.

More information: Todd Bollig, Global Grants Committee Chair, toddb60@hotmail.com

Alumni Return to Share Their Gifts

In its third year as an arm of District 5950, the Alumni Association continued to promote itself locally and nationally. Membership has grown as TRF alumni are identified through networking and promotion at club meetings and District events. Several changes are in store for the Alumni Association as it transitions from the Foundation to the Membership Committee next year.

More information: Carol MacDonald, Alumni Chair, macdonald.ca@gmail.com



Your Dollars as a Gift Locally

The District Grants Committee again received 50% of this year's District Designated Funds from The Rotary Foundation – and spent every penny helping to fund 22 club projects, co-sponsor a Polio Survivors Conference with Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute and match club contributions to ShelterBox. Clubs contributed \$56,000 of their own funds while securing \$15,000 from non-Rotary sources.

- New Ulm sponsored an anti-bullying program in area schools.
- Edina Morningside worked with Edina schools and Harmony Bridge to bring music to local senior living facilities.
- North Minneapolis and St. Louis Park Sunrise sponsored peace and conflict resolution events.
- Plymouth, Edina, Golden Valley, Lake Minnetonka-Excelsior and Minneapolis City of Lakes provided adaptive snow ski equipment for Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute.
- Nine grants targeted small international projects for



math and science education in India, equipment for a school in Kenya, a computer lab for a Nepal school and orchestral instruments in Guatemala.

- Eight clubs and youth partners participated in the District match to benefit ShelterBox, raising \$21,355.



Scholarships Bestow the Gift of Education

This year, District 5950 inaugurated a Global Grant Scholarship program to partially fund masters' degrees in Rotary's six areas of focus. **Grace Petrie** was chosen for a \$30,000 award in 2015-16. Grace will study emerging economies and international development at Kings College in London.



On the international level, Rotary annually chooses 50 of the world's brightest young professionals to study at Rotary Peace Centers on fully-funded academic fellowships. District 5950 has had more successful Peace Fellow candidates in recent years than any other single district:

Rachel Beecroft, University of Queensland, graduating in 2016
Guled Ibrahim, University of Queensland, starting in fall 2016
Gada Roba, Duke University, studying in fall 2016
Christie Nicoson, University of Uppsala, graduating in 2017
James Petermeier, University of Uppsala, graduating in 2017
Hilary Caldis, Tokyo Christian University, graduating in 2017

More information: Ellen Kennedy, Peace Fellows Chair, ejkennedy@worldwithoutgenocide.org

End Polio Now

District 5950's efforts to End Polio Now have caught fire under Tim Mulcrone's leadership. Donations to PolioPlus have more than doubled over the past five years to \$113,878 in 2014-15. When matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, five-year contributions total nearly \$1 million.

End Polio Now gained regional visibility when the I-35W Bridge in Minneapolis was lit in End Polio Now colors of red and yellow for World Polio Day on October 24, 2015. District 5950 also co-sponsored a polio survivors conference with Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute in October 2015.

Rotary is succeeding in its fight to End Polio Now. In 1985, there were 387,000 new cases in 125 countries. By 2015, there were just 74 cases in two countries.

More information: Tim Mulcrone, End Polio Now Chair, timmulcrone@aol.com



Paul Harris Society – An Ongoing Gift

Congratulations to the 49 new Paul Harris Society (PHS) members in District 5950 this year. The District now has 225 PHS members. This is a significant increase from 108 in 2013-14 and 178 in 2014-15. The long-term goal is 300 members. The Paul Harris Society is a group of generous donors who commit to giving \$1,000 every year to TRF for as long as they are able. Enrolling is easy and the annual pledge may be paid over time.

More information: Carolyn Pratt, Paul Harris Society Chair, carolynsings@hotmail.com

BY THE NUMBERS....

DISTRICT 5950 GIVES GENEROUSLY

Fast Facts

District 5950 was first among the 12 districts in Zone 28 for giving to The Rotary Foundation in 2014-15:

- 1st in Annual Program Fund Giving: \$779,914
- 1st in Per-Capita Giving: \$274 per member
- 1st in Total Giving to The Rotary Foundation: \$2,022,831

District 5950 Donations to The Rotary Foundation

Year	Annual Fund Total	Total TRF Giving
2010-11	\$645,698	\$833,894
2011-12	\$588,592	\$761,747
2012-13	\$647,173	\$864,232
2013-14	\$663,964	\$896,130
2014-15	\$779,914	\$2,022,830

Top 3 Clubs in Total Giving to Annual Fund, 2014-15

1. Edina	\$91,734
2. Minneapolis #9	\$50,442
3. Minneapolis City of Lakes	\$44,358

Top 3 Clubs in Giving Per Capita to Annual Fund, 2014-15

1. Eden Prairie Noon	\$606
2. Edina	\$584
3. Cokato-Dassel	\$534



Every Rotarian Every Year Clubs, 2014-15

Bloomington (69 members)	100%
Brooklyn Center (18 members)	100%
Eagan (83 members)	100%
Eden Prairie A.M. (73 members)	100%
Minneapolis University (24 members)	100%
North Minneapolis (18 members)	100%
Sartell (14 members)	100%
St. Cloud Granite (41 members)	100%

The Rotary Foundation Funds for District 5950 Projects and Programs

Year	TRF District Designated Funds
2009-10	\$328,965
2010-11	\$458,714
2011-12	\$349,445
2012-13	\$476,217
2013-14	\$324,413
2014-15	\$291,784

(TRF District Designated Funds represent half of District 5950's donations to the Annual Fund three years earlier and are available for the District's use in the year listed.)